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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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 FRAUNHOFER-GELELLSCHAFT ZUR FÖRDERUNG DER ANGEWANDTEN FORSCHUNG E.V. et al

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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International application No. PCT/EP2005/003110	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 23 March 2005 (23.03.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 24 March 2004 (24.03.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant FRAUNHOFER-GELELLSCHAFT ZUR FÖRDERUNG DER ANGEWANDTEN FORSCHUNG E.V.			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
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4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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 - a. type of material
 - a sequence listing
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4. Additional comments:

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1 Reference is made to the following document:

D1: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2003, no.
 12, 5 December 2003 (2003-12-05) & JP 2004
 066322 A (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD), 4
 March 2004 (2004-03-04)

2 Document D1 is considered to be the closest prior art. It discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document) a

method of producing holes having a large aspect ratio in metallic materials as well as stratified metallic materials and those having at least one ceramic layer by means of laser radiation, wherein the intensity of the laser beam is set as a function of the required change in hole radius with the hole depth,

from which the subject matter of independent claim 1 differs in that

the spatial distribution of the intensity in the laser beam, based on the varying base of the

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hole, is set such that the intensity I decreases within the section w_0 with the distance w from the laser beam axis by the value ΔI , this decrease is monotonous, and the values for the spatial change IM in the intensity I and the section w_0 are set to be so large that a hole radius r_B larger than the section w_0 ($r_B > w_0$) is achieved, the section w_0 being the radius of the laser beam.

2.1 The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)). The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of

completely expelling the melt during drilling in the direction of the incident laser radiation from the hole shaft is ensured without deposits of solidified melt at the hole edge.

This problem is solved, based on the method with the abovementioned features, in that the spatial distribution of the intensity in the laser beam, based on the varying base of the hole, is set such that the intensity I decreases within the section w_0 with the distance w from the laser beam axis by the value ΔI , this decrease is monotonous, and the values for the spatial change IM in the intensity I and the section w_0 are set to be so large that a hole radius r_B larger than the section w_0 ($r_B > w_0$) is achieved, the section w_0 being the radius of the

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laser beam. The section w_0 is thus the radius of an area perpendicular to the laser beam axis obtaining 86% of the laser power.

2.2 The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step for the following reasons (PCT Article 33(3)):

The values for the spatial change ΔI in the intensity I and the section w_0 are set so large that a hole radius r_B larger than the section w_0 ($r_B > w_0$) is achieved. ΔI and w_0 should be selected to be so large that the hole is sufficiently wide for ensuring the abovementioned effect of not dissipating the laser beam through the upflowing melt.

2.3 Claims 2-26 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 1 is not clear and does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 6 insofar as the subject matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The following statements do not enable a person skilled in the art to determine which technical features are necessary for carrying out the stated function:

"that a hole radius r_B larger than the section w_0 ($r_B > w_0$) is achieved, the section w_0 being the radius of the laser beam."